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SUMMARY: AT PERMREPS LUNCH ON JULY 16 AMBASSADORS DISCUSSED THE
CYPRUS SITUATION (SEPTEL), THE DATES FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIALS,
AND SOVIET COMMENTS ON CSCE TO FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES.
END SUMMARY

1. DISCUSSION AT JULY 16 PERMREPS LUNCH ON SUBJECTS OTHER THAN
CYPRUS WAS BRIEF.

2. ON DATES FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTERIALS, SYG LUNS REQUESTED
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RESPONSES FROM AMBASSADORS.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EIGHT ALLIES INDICATED APPROVAL OF THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY THE UK LAST WEEK, I.E., EUROGROUP ON MONDAY, DEC 9, DPC ON 10 AND 11, NAC 12 AND 13. NO OPPOSITION WAS EXPRESSED TO THESE DATES. LUNS INDICATED HE WILL CONSIDER THEM FIXED UNLESS HE HEARS TO THE CONTRARY BY THE END OF JULY. REQUEST GUIDANCE

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE AT THE NAC ON JULY 17 MORE GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE VISITS OF FRENCH OFFICIALS WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO, BUT WISHED TO REPORT ON CERTAIN SPECIFICS IN LUNCH FORMAT. NOTING THAT FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES SPENT FOUR HOURS WITH BREZHNEV AND THAT HE ALSO SAW GROMYKO, DE ROSE SAID SAUVAGNARGUES REACHED THE CONCLUSION BASED ON HIS MOSCOW VISIT THAT SOVIET LEADERS DIDN'T ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO BASKET III ASPECTS OF THE CSCE AND TREAT THEM WITH CERTAIN DISDAIN. FRENCH FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH RUSSIANS ABOUT BASKET III. GROMYKO REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT THE WAY TO HANDLE BASKET III WAS TO CUT THE BOTTOM OUT OF IT AND LET THE CONTENTS DROP OUT. HE ALSO RETURNED TO HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SARCASTIC COMMENTS ABOUT THE OPENING OF A DUTCH CABARET AND TO THE DANGER OF FLOODING THE SOVIET UNION AND SMALLER EASTERN COUNTRIES WITH PORNOGRAPHY. DE ROSE SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT SOVIETS WERE NOT YET CONVINCED THAT THEY HAVE TO GIVE ON BASKET III IF THEY WANT SOMETHING ELSE OUT OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. DE ROSE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION STATED THAT THEY AS A STRONG COUNTRY COULD HANDLE PORNOGRAPHY, DUTCH CABARETS AND THE LIKE IN A "FLOOD OF WESTERN CULTURE," BUT THAT THE SMALLER EASTERN COUNTRIES COULD NOT HANDLE THIS AND THE SOVIET UNION THEREFORE FELT AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE SMALLER EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES. DE ROSE SINGLED OUT THIS COMMENT BECAUSE HE RECALLED THAT IN INITIAL STAGES WESTERN NATIONS HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WHILE RESULTS OF THE CSCE MIGHT NOT AFFECT THE SOVIET UNION, THEY WOULD HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE SMALLER STATES.

5. DANISH AMBASSADOR SVART THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY SAVE WHATEVER CONCESSIONS THEY WERE PREPARED TO MAKE UNTIL THE VERY END OF THE NEGOTIATION, THEN THEY WOULD MAKE A SMALL CONCESSION WHICH THEY WOULD EITHER NOT LIVE UP TO OR CONSTRUE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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NARROWLY. SVART THOUGHT ONE AREA WHERE THE SOVIETS MIGHT YIELD WOULD BE IN RE-UNITING FAMILIES.

6. DE ROSE ALSO SAID SOVIETS TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES THEY THOUGHT THE OTTAWA DECLARATION ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS WAS "A MILITARISTIC PAPER AND THEY TOOK A POOR VIEW OF IT." DE ROSE ASKED ME WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIETS HAD MADE SIMILAR CHARACTERIZATION OF THE OTTAWA DECLARATION TO THE PRESIDENT OR THE SECRETARY DURING

THEIR VISIT MOSCOW. REQUEST GUIDANCE. RUMSFELD UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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